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Promoting forestry and wood

# Working with Stakeholders and Communities

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# Policy: UKFS

- ▶ **Forests and People Guidelines (Ch 6)**
- ▶ Public Involvement
- ▶ Accessibility
- ▶ Visitor Information
- ▶ Recreation
- ▶ Traditional and Cultural Uses
- ▶ Education and Training
- ▶ Volunteering
- ▶ Vandalism and Anti-Social Behaviour
- ▶ Enterprise Development

1. Consider engaging with the local community by seeking their views, developing proposals that are responsive to them and building co-operative partnerships.

2. As part of the forest planning process consider which individuals and organisations from all groups in society may have an interest in the formulation of forest management proposals, or something to contribute.

3. Aim to communicate forestry proposals and their operational impacts clearly; consider presenting several options and try to accommodate local needs where they are compatible with management objectives.

4. Consider the cultural significance of woodland features, taking account of local opinion, and develop measures to protect important features in forest management plans.

# Policy: UKWAS (1)

- ▶ 2.3 Consultation and Co-operation

- ▶ 2.3.1 Requirement

a) Local people, relevant organisations and interested parties shall be identified and made aware that:

**New or revised management planning documentation is being produced**

**High impact operations are being planned**

**The woodland is being evaluated for certification**

b) The owner/ manager shall ensure that there is full co-operation with the relevant forestry authority's consultation processes.

c) The owner/ manager **shall consult** appropriately with local people, relevant organisations and other interested parties, and **provide opportunities for their engagement** in planning and monitoring processes.

d) **Methods of consultation and engagement shall be designed to ensure that local people, relevant organisations and other interested parties have reasonable opportunities to participate equitably and without discrimination.**

e) The owner/manager shall respond to issues raised or requests for **ongoing dialogue and engagement** and shall demonstrate how the results of the consultation including community and social impacts have been taken into account in management planning and operations.

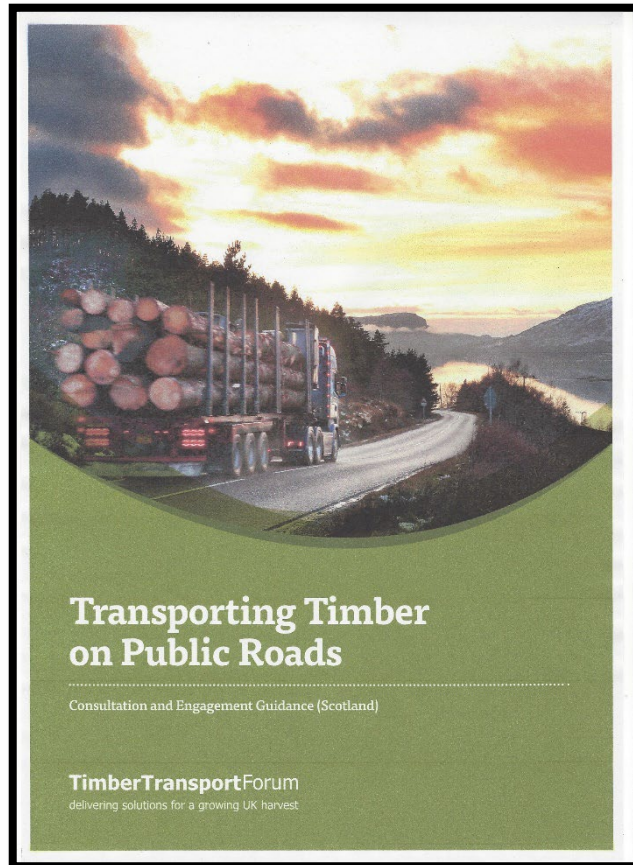
f) At least 30 days shall be allowed for people to respond to notices, letters or meetings before certification.

# Policy: UKWAS (2)

- ▶ 5 People, communities and workers
- ▶ 5.1 Woodland Access and Recreation Including Traditional and Permissive Use Rights
- ▶ 5.1.1. Requirement
- ▶ a) Existing permissive or traditional uses of the woodland **shall be identified** and sustained except where such uses can be shown to threaten the integrity of the woodland or the achievement of the objectives of management.
- ▶ A precautionary approach shall be adopted in relation to water supplies.
- ▶ 5.2 Minimising Adverse Impacts
- ▶ 5.2.1 Requirement - the owner/ manager shall mitigate the risks to public health and safety and other negative **impacts of woodland operations on local people.**
- ▶ 5.2.2 Requirement: The owner/manager shall **respond constructively** to complaints, seek to resolve grievances **through engagement** with complainants in the first instance, and follow established legal process should this become necessary.



# Guidance: Timber Transport



## Timber Haulage Consultation Protocol (Fig. 1 cont.)

### 6. After the timber is sold but before haulage starts

**Forestry Work Manager**  
(timber purchaser or their harvesting agent)

By clear agreement it may be that some or all of these actions are taken on by the Landowner or Agent (in continued dialogue with the Forestry Work Manager)

Acquires from the landowner or agent details of contacts, discussions, agreements or Timber Traffic Management Plans regarding haulage on the public road.

Continues liaison with the Local Authority to confirm and agree the implementation of any measures required to address road limitations, to monitor road conditions, or agree measures to deliver the requirements of a Timber Traffic Management Plan, where one is in place.

Considers taking a video or photos of the road condition prior to haulage.

Continues to liaise with neighbouring forest owners who may be using the same roads for timber haulage.

Confirms timber haulage plans to Community Council and engages with the concerns of directly affected neighbours, where applicable. Any community concerns should be dealt with promptly through constructive dialogue.

**Ensures haulage contractors, sub-contractors and their drivers are fully aware of timber haulage measures to be followed.**

### 7. During Haulage

**Forestry Work Manager**  
(timber purchaser or their harvesting agent)

By clear agreement it may be that some or all of these actions are retained by the Landowner or Agent (in continued dialogue with the Forestry Work Manager)

Monitors road condition and reports any degradation to the Local Authority roads department.

Stops haulage when conditions are unsuitable and before significant deterioration occurs.

Continues to liaise with neighbouring forest owners who may be using the same roads for timber haulage.

Updates the Community Council and directly affected neighbours, where applicable. Any community concerns should be dealt with promptly through constructive dialogue.

**Ensures haulage contractors, sub-contractors and their drivers are fully aware of timber haulage measures to be followed.**



Forestry Commission

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Lee Evans (LGRE) - the official account @LeeEvansBirding

Replying to @DefraGovUK @Daily\_Express and @ForestryComm

Hope not all non-native conifers likes those at the back of the clearing which have incredibly low diversity and are really a desert for wildlife. We need proper management and planting of forest habitats

### Climate change: Cold callers shock farmers with tree-plant plea

By Catrin Haf Jones BBC Wales political correspondent

26 January 2022 Updated 27 January 2022



## Communities for Diverse Forestry

### campaigning

we lobby on a local and national level for more diverse commercial forestry and higher standards of community engagement that fully explores sense of place.

### empowering communities

we've created a set of guidelines that explain how commercial woodland creation applications work and how, when and what communities can contribute to forest planning. We also offer support to communities who need assistance with forest proposals.

### training

we offer informal training sessions that offer a walk-through of how communities can participate in woodland creation proposals. These sessions are expected to be rolled out throughout 2022 using an online format.

## Downloads

Woodland Creation Scheme Guidance For Community Councils (pdf)

### Climate change: Corporate mass tree planting 'damaging' nature - BBC News

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By Steffan Messenger BBC Wales Environment Correspondent

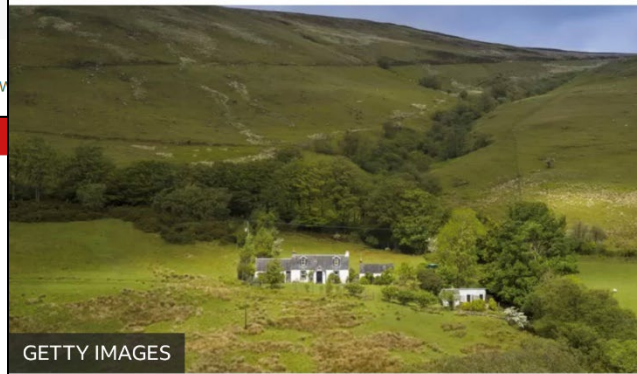
9 November 2021 Updated 10 November 2021

# The devastating impact carbon offsetting is having on Welsh farming communities

Few people paying extra in the hope of saving the planet understand the impact it is having on rural Welsh communities

## Tree-planting driving up rural land prices

12 April 2022



GETTY IMAGES

Land values in Scotland are booming because investors are putting cash into forestry and tree-planting to offset carbon emissions, a new report says.

## Fears raised over timber lorries on narrow Perthshire roads

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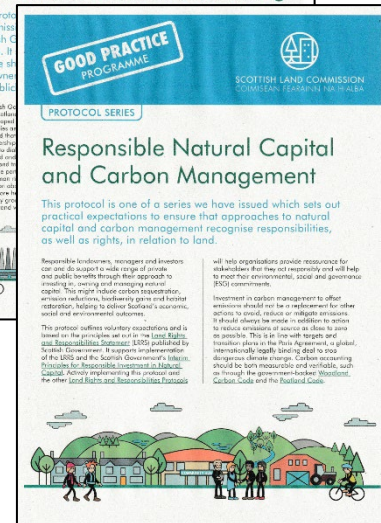
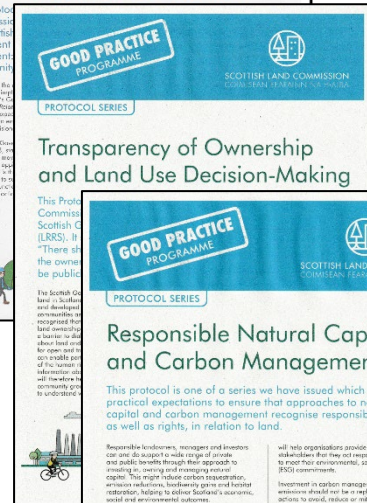
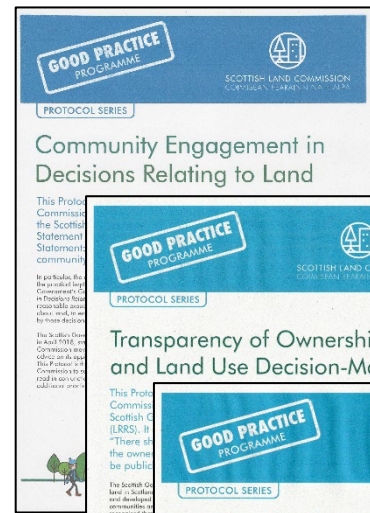
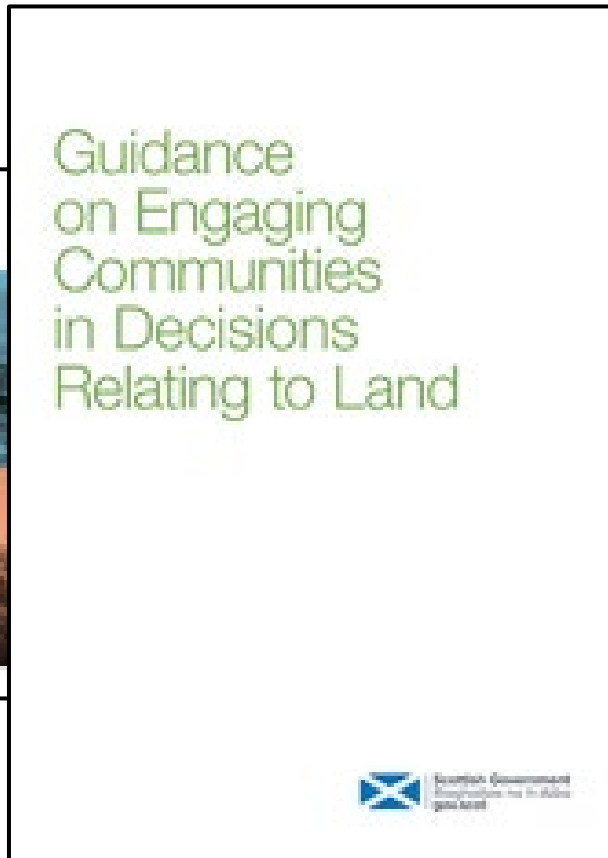
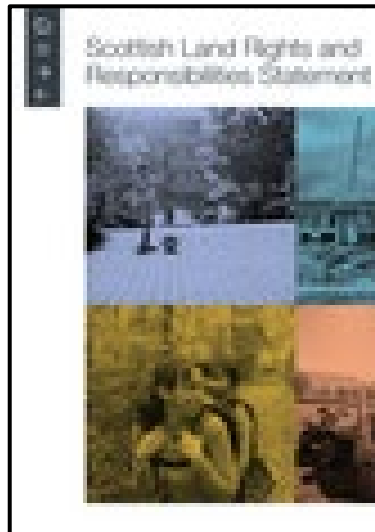


STEVE MALLEN

Campaigners say a road near Auchingarrich Forest, near Comrie, is unsuitable for logging lorries. Timber companies have been warned lives could be put in danger in a row over planned logging routes in Perthshire.



# Land Rights and Responsibilities and Associated Protocols (Scotland)





fact that the UK is far more dependent on imports for timber than either food or energy may surprise the public, and recent events have demonstrated just how precarious the situation is. The falling pound makes the prospect of reliance even less attractive. Local communities rightly question their stake in the natural wealth that is appreciating around them, and it is clear that the most biodiverse areas must be protected, and food supply be diversified.

The UK overall has returned to the long term trend of planting more broadleaves than conifers overall, although this is not true for Scotland. Indeed, the availability of large tracts of land holdings in Scotland, coupled with the growth of all domestic timber supply, is attracting international prices for commercial planting in Scotland.

We believe it is possible to find space for



Gavin Adkins  
Managing Director, Tilhill

**Local Communities rightly question their stake in the natural wealth that is appreciating around them....**

**‘We expect prices for forestry assets and opportunities**

This report suggests that a small amount of commercial forestry has been sold compared to 2021. However, over the last few years the structure of the market has changed, with more agencies having entered and an increase in off-market transactions. We can only report on what we have seen. Anecdotal information indicates that the total market is now much larger than we collect data for. The statistics are therefore as comprehensive as we would like to hope that the trends and characteristics of the market are captured by our report.

There were a handful of sales in the most productive part of the commercial timber – south Scotland secured very strong prices, reflecting underlying quality, location and which stand out from the wider market for these qualities. It is all too easy to take these results and create a false picture. Looking at the overall results for

# Confor: Stakeholder Engagement Training Programme Development

- ▶ Interviews with Forestry Sector and Stakeholders (February - June 2022)
  - ▶ 13 forestry representatives
  - ▶ 4 stakeholders
- ▶ Co-Design Workshop with Forestry Sector (July 2022)
- ▶ Meeting with Scottish Forestry (August 2023)
- ▶ Production of Training Materials (Ongoing - complete early 2023)
- ▶ Development of Delivery Model (Ongoing - complete early 2023)



# Feedback - Soft Skills Training Identified (in order of priority)

- ▶ Negotiation Skills
- ▶ Communications Skills (including Listening Skills)
- ▶ Public relations/ Media Awareness
- ▶ Conflict Management
- ▶ Presentation Skills
- ▶ Dealing with Difficult Customers
- ▶ Social Media

# Feedback - What Needs to Change

- ▶ Improve the reputation/ perception of the industry
- ▶ Better understanding by communities of forestry industry
- ▶ **A consistent approach where everyone knows their role (across geographies), information is provided at the right time, is appropriate and jargon free**
- ▶ Communities (both silent majority and vocal minority) feel engaged & listened to
- ▶ Improved transparency of process for all involved
- ▶ A joined up approach across different parts of the forestry sector (planning, establishment, silviculture/ recreation, harvesting)
- ▶ Faster and more effective decisions - even in more complex cases
- ▶ Consultation becomes second nature and part of every day



# Personal Reflections

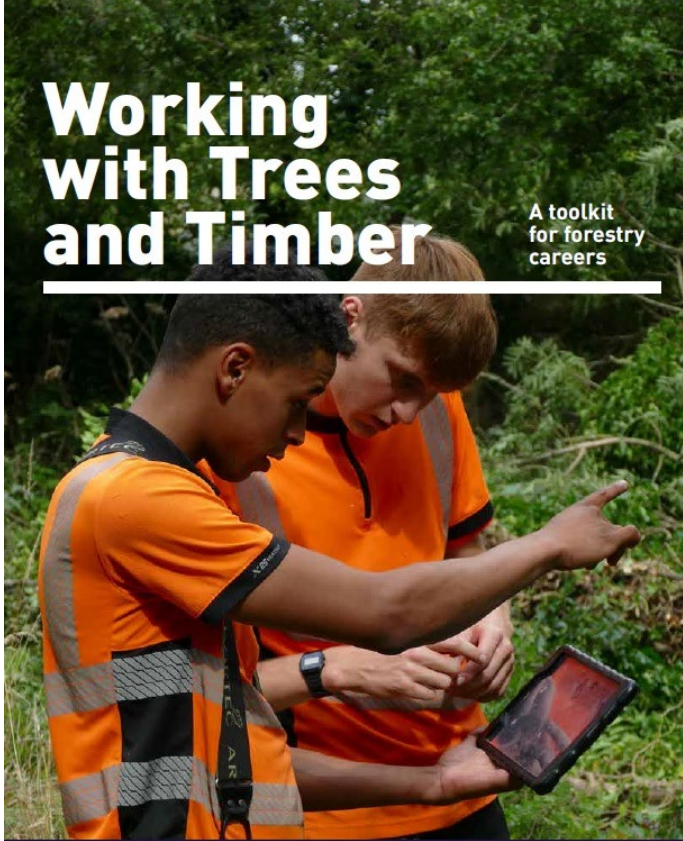
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## 10 TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR ACTIVE LISTENING SKILLS

-  1. Pay attention
-  2. Make sure to clarify
-  3. Be open
-  4. Ask open-ended questions
-  5. Be self-aware
-  6. Don't be defensive
-  7. Be conscious of your body language
-  8. Disclose similar situations
-  9. Paraphrase for confirmation
-  10. Be honest

# Working with Trees and Timber

A toolkit for forestry careers



GROWING SCOTLAND'S WOOD-BASED BIOECONOMY THROUGH INVESTMENT & INNOVATION

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